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Sunday

READINGS

Psalm 8; Genesis 41:14-45; Romans 6:3-14; John 5:19-24

DEVOTION

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth!

As the leaders in the Army plan and prepare for missions and exercises, it is their job to anticipate the needs of the Soldiers who will conduct the missions. The leaders have experience and training that informs their decisions about what supplies and equipment the Soldiers will need to conduct the missions, both professionally and personally. They are usually pretty good at providing the things needed. Sometimes budgets, mistakes, or oversights cause something to be left out. The intention is that the Soldier has everything needed to perform the duty assigned to the Soldier.

Just as the Army tries to anticipate the needs of Soldiers called on to perform a mission, God knows everything we need in our life in order to honor Him and to perform the duties He calls us to do. He wants us to be successful in life, to be obedient to Him, and to worship Him. He has full knowledge of everything about us. He knows because He created us. He knows because Jesus Christ experienced all the trials and tribulations of humanity. He does not have to guess at what we need or how to best supply it for us. He never misses anything that we need. Many times He provides what we need before we know we are going to need it. Just like God provided for Israel during the drought through Joseph in Egypt, He provides for us through circumstances far beyond our imagination.

God's name is excellent because of who he is as well as what he has done and what he is going to do.

Prayer: Lord, help us to recognize that you are our provider. You provide for us at a time when we do not yet know that we even need what you are providing. You call us to service and provide the gifts we need to accomplish the task. Like for Joseph, you provided him the answer that also provided for Joseph's family, long before they even knew they needed it. Help us to always trust your provision. Thank you for providing for our eternal life through Jesus Christ, even while we were yet sinners.

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